

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Here are some phone numbers for programs that, if eligible, may assist you with your energy needs this winter:

Infoline

2-1-1 or www.infoline.org

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

Call DSS at (800) 842-1132

Operation Fuel

(thru Team, Inc. for Orange residents)

736-5420

Greater New Haven Community Fuel Bank

(203) 387-7700

Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines' Fund (for veterans, spouses, and dependent children)

(860) 296-0719

United Illuminating Utility Disconnection Protection

1-800-442-5004



YOUR STATE SENATOR GAYLE SLOSSBERG

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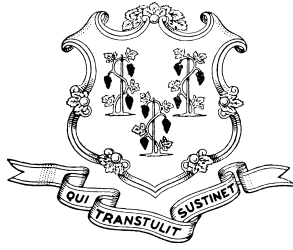
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GAYLE SLOSSBERG

Fourteenth District

Dear Friend,

We're facing an energy situation in our great state unlike anything we've ever had before us. Recently, United Illuminating received approval for a 50 percent electric rate increase over the course of 2007—harsh news for those of us in New Haven County who rely on UI for our power.

Everything from groceries to gasoline is more expensive these days, and I know the impact that this spike in electric costs will have on our families and our businesses. We all dread seeing the electric bill that will arrive in our mailboxes this February.

And I know that you are looking to your state legislators to find a remedy.

There's no easy fix to the energy problems in this state. There's no single thing that we can point to and say, "Here's where the system is broken." Increasingly high oil and natural gas prices, deregulation, and federal energy policies are all among the contributing factors.

The implications of the UI rate increase have not gone unnoticed in the halls of the legislature. As your state senator, I will work my hardest and do everything within my power to help solve this problem. I want you to know that I share in your anger and your frustration. I have taken your calls, I have read your letters, and I have heard your voices.

Although the 2007 legislative session does not begin until January, we have already been working on providing immediate relief and long-term solutions to Connecticut's energy problems. A number of programs exist to provide assistance to those struggling with escalating energy costs, but a real long-term solution is the legislature's goal.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at home at (203) 878-6412. If you'd like to be kept updated on what the legislature is doing to address our energy problems, please call my Capitol office at 1-800-842-1420.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gayle".

Senator Gayle Slossberg